

*DELAWARE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT
COUNCIL*

MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Stuart, at Delaware State Fire School in Dover. Those in attendance were as follows:

Council Members

<i>Robert Coupe</i>	<i>Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security</i>
<i>Matthew Pragg</i>	<i>DSP Aviation (Alt.)</i>
<i>Mark Logemann</i>	<i>New Castle County EMS</i>
<i>Bruce Nisbet</i>	<i>Medical Society of DE</i>
<i>Michael S. Bundeck</i>	<i>Kent County Member at Large</i>
<i>Alan Robinson</i>	<i>Fire Prevention Commission</i>
<i>Maria Carmen Diaz</i>	<i>EMSC</i>
<i>Romain Alexander</i>	<i>Governor's Office</i>
<i>Ross Megargel</i>	<i>State EMS Medical Director</i>
<i>Jay Jones</i>	<i>DVFA</i>
<i>Kate Groner</i>	<i>ACEP</i>
<i>Rick Hong</i>	<i>DHSS (Alt.)</i>

Council Staff

<i>Diane Hainsworth</i>	<i>OEMS</i>
<i>Jacki Poore</i>	<i>OEMS</i>

Guests in Attendance

<i>John Tinger</i>	<i>KCEMS</i>
<i>Brent Waninger</i>	<i>OEMS</i>
<i>Paul Westlake</i>	<i>OEMS</i>
<i>Tim Cooper</i>	<i>EMSPS</i>
<i>Shawn Foster</i>	<i>EMSPS</i>
<i>Elizabeth Shanahan</i>	<i>CCHS</i>
<i>Jill Wix</i>	<i>DEMSA</i>
<i>Robert Mauch</i>	<i>SCEMS</i>
<i>Terry Pepper</i>	<i>DSHS</i>
<i>MarySue Jones</i>	<i>OEMS</i>
<i>Warren Jones</i>	<i>DVFA</i>
<i>Albert Schrack</i>	<i>DEMSA</i>
<i>Britany Huss</i>	<i>OEMS</i>
<i>AJ Shall</i>	<i>DEMA</i>
<i>Patricia Fox</i>	<i>DSFS</i>

*Forrest Winslow
John Hui*

*Pulsara
Twiage*

I. INTRODUCTION

DEMSOC members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

Tim Cooper reported that they held a COOP exercise, they will be updating the plans. They also participated in the Dover drive through Flu POD, where they vaccinated over 1300 people. They are planning a Mental Health workshop.

He reported that the Public Health Symposium will be on November 12th. In January they will be holding a children in disaster workshop. In March they will hold a family assistance center functional exercise. They are working on an Alternate Care Site plan.

Shawn Foster reported that they held a three-day RSS/SNS full scale exercise in September.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1) Opioid Update

Diane Hainsworth reported

2) Pulsara Presentation

Forrest Winslow presented the capabilities of Pulsara, an evidence-based healthcare communication platform.

3) Twiage Presentation

John Hui presented the capabilities of Twiage, a technology that streamlines workflows and accelerates lifesaving care for EMS and hospital teams.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1) Agency Reports

Fire Commission

Alan Robinson reported that the commission met yesterday. He reported that they are looking at changing the terms of service for the commissioners. The ambulance regulations have passed their JAG and they will be discussing them next month, they should be complete by February. The next meeting is November 16th at 9am.

New Castle County

Mark Logemann reported that Chief Tan has retired, and he is currently acting Chief. He reported that the Paramedic academy continues to move forward. They have hired 5 new Del Tech graduates that will start field training soon. Next week they will be receiving new pick-up trucks with climate-controlled inserts in the bed.

DSP

Matthew Pragg reported that they are anticipating the delivery of the new 429 aircraft in December. With that delivery the two 407's will be leaving, this will give them a standardized fleet of three 429's. They have had positive feedback on their monthly trainings in conjunction with Sussex County EMS.

DPH

Rick Hong reported that the Overdose System of Care Committee has created a sub-committee for stabilization centers, their next meeting in next Tuesday and they are looking for EMS representation on the committee. He reported that there have been confirmed cases of the Flu in all three counties, he reminds everyone to get their flu shot. The Delaware Journal of Public Health's October issue was co-edited by Rick Hong and Tim Cooper, the edition focuses on preparedness.

OEMS

Diane Hainsworth reported that there is a draft Naloxone Leave Behind protocol that will be shared with the group. She reported that if there is an EMS agency that is interested in holding a closed naloxone POD to please email the OEMS mailbox at OEMS.gov to request the POD. There will be a High Consequence Infectious Disease exercise in the Spring. They are working with the Office of Preparedness on an alternate care plan. Through HPP they are working on the Crisis Standards of Care policy to create a Crisis Standards of Care plan. She announced that MarySue Jones, Trauma System Coordinator, is retiring from state employment on October 31.

Medical Direction

Ross Megargel reported that two Medical Directors have been board certified in the sub-specialty of Emergency Medicine bringing the total to 4 medical directors in the state to have the certification. The Del Tech cadaver lab will be held next

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Tuesday. The new standing orders process will begin this coming year. They will be bringing together the two committees, ALS & BLS, to meet starting in January.

EMSC

Maria Diaz reported that EMSC and Nemours are partnering to provide pediatric sessions for BLS providers. They are holding two ninety-minute sessions in each county. The November 21 pediatric skills course is full, the next one is on January 30, 2020. Their next meeting is November 5 at the Dover Fire School.

Trauma System

MarySue Jones reported that the Trauma System Committee has a new chairperson, Sean Elwell. The new vice-chair is Linda Jones. The next meeting is December 4th at the Dover Fire School.

DSHS

Secretary Coupe reported that he will be stepping down from his seat on the DEMSOC, his replacement will be Terry Pepper.

Sussex County

Robert Mauch reported:

Training With DSP: SCEMS would like to thank DSP for participating in their October continuing education regarding aviation use and simulation scenarios in the aircraft. The training has been enjoyed by all who have attended so far.

Accreditation: SCEMS continues to work towards achieving CAAS accreditation. The application has been accepted and they are scheduled for their site visit on November 4th and 5th. More to come!

Public Safety Headquarters: This remains in the design phase. They have agreed on the exterior footprint and are currently working on the interior layout. Architectural plans are funded this fiscal year and the construction process of the next two fiscal years.

West-side Station Construction: Plans remain in progress but were slowed a little during the construction bid process. Completion is anticipated within the next 24 months.

Medic 111 (Milton): This is planned as a pilot project as a single medic power unit beginning January 1, 2020 running from 7am-7pm. This unit is anticipated to decrease response times to the town of Milton and assist as a backup unit to the surrounding areas.

Staff Promotions: Robbie Murray has been appointed to the Deputy Director of Administration and Mark Sheridan has been promoted to the Deputy Director of

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Operations. The new Field Training Officers have been appointed and are being prepared to precept students and candidates.

New Employees: Four new employees started with SCEMS on October 7th and one returned from a military deployment. This brings their current vacancies to three.

MIH Program: The program went live on September 10th and is a joint effort with Beebe Hospital and is focusing efforts on COPD patients. Currently there are 3 patients participating in the program. Efforts remain to see that number increase.

Resuscitation Academy: SCEMS hosted a resuscitation academy on September 10th, 2019 as a pre-conference offering during the DVFA Conference. The conference was well attended with a full roster of 55 attendees from a variety of prehospital services and other healthcare organizations from local services and the Mid-Atlantic region. Representatives from services in Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina were in attendance. Our plan is to conduct two resuscitation academies per year.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT